

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-20 (Canceled)

21. (New) A toothbrush, comprising:

a first elongated handle having a first end, a second end, an inside edge, an outside edge, a top surface, and a bottom surface, at least a portion of the top surface having an indentation extending to the inside edge and positioned at a location at which a thumb of a human would normally contact;

a second elongated handle having a first end, a second end, an inside edge, an outside edge, a top surface, and a bottom surface, at least a portion of the top surface having an indentation extending to the inside edge and positioned at a location at which a thumb of a human would normally contact, said first and second elongated handles being connected along the inside edges and the indentations of said first and second elongated handles being aligned and defining a cavity when the inside edges are connected;

a resilient thumb contact structure configured to be inserted into the cavity defined by the indentations of said first and second elongated handles;

a first neck extending from the first end of said first elongated handle;

a second neck extending from the first end of said second elongated handle;

a first bristle support extending from said first neck;

a second bristle support extending from said second neck;

a plurality of first bristles extending from said first bristle support on the same side as the top surfaces of said first and second elongated handles; and

a plurality of second bristles extending from said first bristle support on the same side as the top surfaces of said first and second elongated handles.

22. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, further comprising:

at least one protrusion extending from the inside edge of said first elongated handle; and

at least one detent on the inside edge of said second elongated handle to which said at least one protrusion is inserted for aligning said first and second elongated handles.

23. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein each of the indentations of said first and second elongated handles include a plurality of different geometric shapes, thereby defining the cavity to have multiple geometric dimensions.

24. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 23, wherein said resilient thumb contact structure includes multiple geometric shapes to engage the different geometric dimensions of the cavity.

25. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein said first and second elongated handles are connected from the respective second ends to about said resilient thumb contact structure, thereby enabling a thumb to feel respective movement of said first and second elongated handles.

26. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein the cavity has an oval shape edge extending across said first and second elongated handles.

27. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein each of the indentations is substantially a mirror image of the other.

28. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein said resilient thumb contact structure has a resiliency characteristic selected from a range to provide a user with a predetermined sensitivity.

29. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 28, wherein said resilient thumb contact structure is composed of rubber.

30. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 21, wherein said first and second bristles have a stiffness, and said first and second necks have a resiliency, a flexibility, and a bending resistance.

31. (New) The toothbrush according to claim 30, wherein the resiliency, flexibility and bending resistance of said first and second necks are set depending upon both (i) a brushing force and (ii) the stiffness of said first and second bristles, such that the toothbrush, though said first and second bristles coupled to said first and second necks, adapts to a dento-gingival junction encountered during brushing to disrupt plaque.